

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor's Office of Homeless Services is awarded \$90.4 million in total federal funding to fund 5 projects to reduce homelessness in Baltimore

The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) would receive \$75 million from Baltimore's \$641 million allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and \$15.4 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The \$90.4 million in combined funding will allow the City to implement best practices from its COVID-19 emergency housing response as a model for its long-term response to homelessness. These proposals are:

1. Non-Congregate Emergency Housing for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:

Covers the acquisition, renovation, and support for operations of two hotel sites.

2. Shelter Demobilization for COVID-19 Non-congregate Shelter Sites:

Includes short-term rental assistance and case management services for individuals who resided in hotels used as shelter decompression sites.

3. Housing Navigation and Landlord Recruitment Support:

Provides services to unhoused individuals and families to reduce the length of time in between receiving a housing offer and moving into a suitable permanent housing unit.

4. Housing Accelerator Fund:

Develops an expanded supply of permanent supportive housing units for people exiting chronic homelessness.

5. Flexible Fund for Diversion and Rapid Resolution

Provides support to individuals and families who are experiencing housing instability or an episode of homelessness to quickly re-enter stable housing. Because of similarity in-service interventions, the proposed Homelessness Diversion and Rapid Resolutions funds have been combined.

In addition, HUD's HOME program awarded the City of Baltimore \$15.4 million in HOME-ARP funds targeted to assist individuals or households experiencing homeless and other vulnerable populations to reduce homelessness, increase housing stability, and develop more permanent supportive housing. Planning with Baltimore's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which administers HOME funds, is ongoing and follows HUD's required application and notice for the use of HOME funds.

SUMMARY:

MOHS will receive \$90.4 million over 4 years to reduce homelessness in Baltimore.

For more information about the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs and for updates on ARPA Funding, please visit arp.baltimorecity.gov